

BRIDGE ACROSS THE SANTEE RIVER

FEBRUARY 26, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HUDDLESTON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4209]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill S. 4209, a bill to authorize the building of a bridge across the Santee River in South Carolina, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 9, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

The accompanying bill (S. 4209, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) to authorize the building of a bridge across the Santee River in South Carolina, as amended in red, is in the general form of such measures adopted by Congress, and so far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

The Santee River is, however, wholly within the limits of the State of South Carolina, and the proposed bridge can consequently be authorized by State law and duly constructed provided the plans are submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War before construction is commenced, in conformity with the Federal law contained in section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899. The enactment of this measure therefore appears to be unnecessary.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, February 7, 1925.

HON. WESLEY L. JONES,
*Chairman Committee on Commerce,
United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR JONES: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5 transmitting a copy of the bill S. 4209 with the request that the committee be

furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would authorize the State Highway Department of South Carolina to construct and maintain a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Santee River at or near a point known as Pinckney's Landing, between the counties of Clarendon and Orangeburg, S. C. It is the understanding of the department that this will be a free bridge. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

